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(54)    **Resin additive**

(57)    The present invention provides a resin additive obtained by subjecting inorganic particles to surface treatment with catechin, a resin additive obtained by subjecting inorganic particles to surface treatment with catechin and further subjecting them to surface treatment with a coupling agent or a resin additive obtained by subjecting inorganic particles to surface treatment with catechin and then subjecting them to surface treatment with a phenone compound or saccharides, followed by further subjecting them to surface treatment with a coupling agent. These resin additives have the effect to inhibit a reduction in the molecular weight of a thermoplastic resin in heating and melting or inhibit a reduction not only in the molecular weight but also the IZOT impact strength.

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